

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

July 2007

City of Berwyn
Mayor Michael O'Connor

Berwyn Police Department
Chief William Kushner

"In Partnership with the Community"

Warning

Fireworks are illegal!!

You can receive up to a \$750. fine for possession of fireworks.

BE SAFE THIS SUMMER!

Fireworks are dangerous. They can cause serious injury or even death. City ordinance: A person shall not manufacture, store, offer or expose for sale, sell at retail, possess or discharge any fireworks, except for the approved supervised display of fireworks.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH
MORTON WEST HIGH SCHOOL
5PM - 9PM

**JOIN IN AND HELP GIVE CRIME A
GOING AWAY PARTY!**

The 24th Annual National Night Out, a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 5pm-10pm. We invite you to be part of our Night Out 2007. Berwyn has been involved in the Night Out for the last two years and this year we want to make the event the best ever. In 2006 Berwyn placed 34th in the nation and 2nd in the State of towns with similar populations.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in National Night Out 2006.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

- Send back a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Some of the events leading up to National Night Out are:

- Block parties
- Take back the night walks and cookouts (information on Dates and Locations on the back page)

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits Berwyn will derive from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

Berwyn Police Squad Car Design Wins National Award



Law and Order and Police Fleet Manager magazines held their annual Police vehicle Graphic competition June 18th. The international competition, judged by law enforcement professionals from across the country included over 350 police departments from across the United States and Canada.

Prizes were awarded for the categories of Patrol Vehicle, Special Purpose Vehicle, Sheriff's Vehicle, and the Ugliest Vehicle.

The newly designed Berwyn Police cars won Third Place in Special Purpose Vehicle Categories, with an Honorable Mention in the Patrol Vehicle Category.

E-mail Scams And Phishing

There have been a number of residents that have received fraudulent emails claiming they are from Mid America Bank

We want to alert you to an e-mail scam called “phishing” that is being used to fraudulently obtain personal and confidential information.

A typical “phishing” e-mail – so named because the sender is fishing for private information – will appear to come from a familiar and legitimate source like MidAmerica Bank and may even contain bank logos and graphics. It asks recipients to comply with an urgent request to verify, update, or resubmit personal and/or confidential information by clicking on a link embedded in the e-mail. The link goes to a website that also looks familiar and legitimate but is actually a site that the “phisher” has created to illegally collect private information. Sometimes a phishing e-mail may also ask you to fill out a survey or may threaten to close your account if you do not follow specific instructions.

The following information was sent by MidAmerica Bank and these rules should apply to other Banks.

You can avoid a “phishing” scam that uses our name by remembering:

- MidAmerica Bank will never send you an e-mail asking you to verify, update, or resubmit confidential information (such as Social Security numbers, login IDs, maiden names, birth dates, passwords, PINs, account information, etc.).
- MidAmerica Bank’s website should never be accessed through a link. To access our website, you should always type the MidAmerica Bank web address in your browser’s address bar (<http://www.midamericabank.com>) or use a “bookmark”.
- One quick way to verify the authenticity of a site is to ensure that your browser's web address correctly spells out the MidAmerica web address (<http://www.midamericabank.com>). Hackers sometimes use a slightly different spelling to direct you to a fraudulent website.

Here are a few more helpful do's and don'ts if you receive an e-mail asking you to disclose confidential information:

- Close your browser immediately and open a new session.
- If you have opened a “phishing” e-mail, do not click on any links and do not provide any information.

- Do not reply to “phishing” e-mails.
- If you think you have received a fraudulent e-mail, forward it to our Customer Service Department at “abuse@midamericabank.com”.
- If you suspect an e-mail or website is fraudulent, please report your suspicions to Customer Service.
- We will continue to send you timely alerts in an effort to assist you in protecting the privacy of your personal financial information and to ensure the safety of your personal property.

Police Patrol Zones & Zone Liaison Officers

On May 1, 2007 the Police Department restructured the patrol zones and added another patrol zone for increased police coverage.

Zone #1 Roosevelt to 15th St. (n side) / Harlem to Lombard

Watch Commander Richard Doman 795-5600 ext.109
Rdoman@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #2 15th St.(s side) to 19th St (n side) / Harlem to Lombard

Det. Louis Mazza 795- 2153
Lmazza@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #3 19th St.(s side) to 23rd St. (n side) / Harlem to Lombard

Watch Com. Michael Cimaglia 795-5600 ext. 109
Mcimaglia@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #4 23rd St. (s side) to 27th St. (n side) / Harlem to Lombard

Detective Joe Santangelo 795-2151
Jsantangelo@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #5 27th St. (s side) to BNSF RR Tracks / Harlem to Lombard

Watch Com. Martin Hasler 795-5600 Ext 109
Mhasler@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #6 BNSF Tracks to Ogden Ave. (n side) / Harlem to Lombard

Detective Joe Green 795-2152
Jgreen@ci.berwyn.il.us

Zone #7 Ogden Ave. (s side) to Pershing Rd / Harlem to Lombard

Detective Mike Vokac 795-2112
Mvokac@ci.berwyn.il.us

Join Neighborhood Watch!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Neighborhood Watch is a community-based program working with the Police Department. Neighborhood Watch is "... one of the most effective and least costly answers to crime," according to the National Crime Prevention Council. It is citizens working together with law enforcement to reduce crime and victimization in our community. The responsibility of preventing crime must be shared equally by law enforcement and private citizens.

The impact law enforcement has on actual crime prevention is minimal when compared with the power of citizens working together with the police.

It is impossible to predict when and where crime may occur. Unfortunately, the police cannot be on every street corner at every moment. That's why they need your help. You know what is normal in your neighborhood. You know who belongs and who is acting suspiciously. Just think how you would appreciate a neighbor calling the police to report that someone is removing items from your home when you are away. A Neighborhood Watch program is not a vigilante group. They are not to confront or enforce, but to act as eyes and ears for the police. By reporting problems and problem areas, we can work together to devise solutions. **You can make a difference!** It is impossible to predict when and where crime may occur. Unfortunately, the police cannot be on every street corner at every moment. That's why they need your help. Why not volunteer to be a Block Captain? These important members help get the newsletter out to their neighbors and pass along information on meetings and act as a liaison with the police. If you don't have the time, there are many other ways to be involved and to make a difference! Don't be afraid to report anything to the police. The police will go where they are called. Report suspicious cars and people, loud music, graffiti, broken windows. This is your neighborhood. Let's help each other keep it safe!



To become a block captain for Neighborhood Watch please contact:
Jeanmarie Hajer,
Director of Community Outreach
jhajer@ci.berwyn.il.us
708-788-2660 ext. 290

Alderman Ramos
2nd Ward Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, July 26th
7 p.m.
Pavek Recreation Center
31st and East Ave.



"Click It or Ticket" is the most successful seat belt enforcement campaign ever, helping create the highest national seat belt usage rate of 82 percent. Coast to coast, day or night, the message is simple - Click It or Ticket.

The City of Berwyn issued over 2,100 citations for no seat belt use during the month of May. There were a total of 2169 citations issued to drivers and/or front seat passengers for not wearing seatbelts. A total of 66 Officers worked 37 different enforcement zones at all hours of the day and midnights in the month of May for the Click-it or Ticket campaign.

BE SAFE ~ BUCKLE UP!

Depot District
Sidewalk Sale
Saturday, July 28th

Recycle Your Trash

Listed below are some of the items that can be recycled. Listed below are just some of the items that should be put into the new recycle containers:

Newspapers – all inserts accepted

Magazines & Catalogs – Glossy & non-glossy

Telephone Directories

Kraft Brown Paper Bags

Paperboard (Chipboard) – Cereal, tissue and pasta boxes, beverage carriers

Junk Mail- Flyers, Post cards, brochures, greeting cards, window envelopes, advertisement

Mixed Paper – Stationary, post-it notes, copy paper, envelopes

Glass – Bottles and Jars Only

Aluminum Cans, foil and formed containers

Waste Management – 800-796-9696

Join You Neighbors

Meet with the
Berwyn Police Department,
Mayor and other City Officials in
"Help Take Back the Night"

Rallies & BBQs

In Unity Comes Results

*There will be a short march in the surrounding blocks,
followed by a social gathering of Police and Community.*

July 18th—St. Mary of Celle- 14th & Euclid

July 25th—Proksa Park—3001 Wisconsin

August 1st—Freedom Park-3701 Scoville

All Rallies will be 6-8pm

*Hot Dogs and refreshments will be provided by
Target Store 800 Broadview Square—Broadview*



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Over 50 local and state agencies will be
involved providing demonstrations,
safety tips and entertainment this year.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

There will be events for the whole family !!

Law Enforcement and Fire Agencies from
local, county and state providing demonstrations
Food, Music, "American English" (Beatles Band)
Military Vehicles, Fireworks, BIKE RODEO
Games, Clowns, Giveaways & More

Sponsored By.....
Berwyn Police Department
City of Berwyn
Berwyn Fire Department
Berwyn Park District
North Berwyn Park District